

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )

MARTIN et al. )

Serial No.: 09/675,396 )

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Group Art Unit: 2195

Examiner: TANG, KENNETH

For: **METHOD OF REDUCING CONTENTION OF  
A HIGHLY CONTENTED LOCK  
PROTECTING MULTIPLE DATA ITEMS**

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**Amendment in Response to Final Office Action**

Sir:

In response to the *final* Office Action dated September 1, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.

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